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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT 32ND UNGA; ROKG FONMINS' VISIT
TO OCEANIA

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SUMMARY: ROKG PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF FONMIN'S TRIP TO
PNG, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. RELATIONS WITH PNG
FURTHER APPARENTLY IMPROVED AND ROK WILLINGNESS TO SEE
AUSTRALIANS WORK ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA OUTSIDE CORE
GROUP APPARENTLY WELL RECEIVED IN AUSTRALIA. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ROKG FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN'S TRIP TO
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WITH MOFA UN
DIVISION DIRECTOR YI CHONG-PIN, MARCH 9. YI ACCOMPANIED
MINISTER AND RETURNED TO SEOUL MARCH 7.

2. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA - ACCORDING TO YI FONMIN CREATED
FAVORABLE IMPRESSION BY DONATING ON BEHALF OF ROKG
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\$100,000. TO PNG DEVELOPMENT FUND. THIS WAS FIRST DONATION
BY ANY COUNTRY AND WAS ACTUALLY MADE ONE DAY BEFORE
DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT BEGAN OFFICIALLY. YI SAID PNG
GOVERNMENT WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE. YI ALSO SAID ROK
HYUNDAE CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS HAVE BEEN WARMLY REGARDED
IN PNG. KEY GOVERNMENT MEMBERS SPOKE HIGHLY OF HYUNDAE
BECAUSE CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN COMPLETED FAR AHEAD OF

SCHEDULE.

3. YI SAID FONMIN KIKI TOLD PAK THAT PNG WILL NEVER HESITATE TO GIVE POSITIVE SUPPORT TO ROK IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. YI SAID ROK DELEGATION REALIZED THAT PNG STILL INTENDS TO PURSUE EQUIDISTANT DIPLOMACY REGARDING THE KOREAS. NONETHELESS, KIKI'S REMARKS WERE ENCOURAGING.

4. FIJI - YI SAID HE ENCOUNTERED TWO COLLEAGUES IN PORT MORESBY WHO HAD FORMERLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES' UN MISSIONS: MANSFIED, NOW NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO PNG AND NAGAI, NOW SECOND IN CHARGE OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PORT MORESBY. YI SAID HE ASKED BOTH TO MAKE OCCASIONAL REPRESENTATIONS TO FIJI ON KOREA QUESTION.

5. AUSTRALIA - YI CONFIRMED REPORT EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED EARLIER FROM HUTTLEY OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE (REFTEL) THAT MINISTER PAK HAD NOT URGED AUSTRALIANS TO JOIN CORE GROUP BUT INSTEAD EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR THE AUSTRALIANS TO ASSIST THE ROK FROM OUTSIDE THE CORE GROUP. THIS APPEARED TO ACCORD WITH AUSTRALIAN VIEW. YI SAID ROK URGED AUSTRALIANS TO WORK ON SAMOA IN PARTICULAR. CONTRARY TO REPORT FROM HUTTLEY, YI ALSO SAID SOUTH KOREANS DID NOT SUGGEST TO AUSTRALIANS THAT THEY INTENDED TO OR PREFERRED TO DEAL WITH KOREAN QUESTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL. YI SAID THIS SUBJECT WAS NEVER DISCUSSED IN AUSTRALIA.

6. NEW ZEALAND - YI SAID CONVERSATION WITH NEW ZEALAND
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LEADERS WENT SMOOTHLY AND THAT THERE WERE AS ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEMS REGARDING NEW ZEALAND'S VIEWS OR SUPPORT ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UN.
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